

The Daily Courant.

Tuesday, July 4. 1704

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated July 10.

From the King of Spain's Camp at Nizza, June 16.

Portalegre being Surrendered the 8th Instant, the King took an Oath of Fidelity of the Magistrates and Superiors of the Ecclesiasticks; and gave leave to the Bishop, the Governour, and other Portuguese Officers to go to Lisbon on their Parole to return within 2 Months. The Garrison is sent to Madrid. The 10th his Majesty march'd with his Army from Portalegre, and encamp'd within a League of Castel David. The 11th the King took a View of that Place in Person; and the same Day receiv'd Advice that the Inhabitants of Monsanto had revolted and declar'd for the Enemy, but that 90 French, part of the Garrison, were retir'd into the Castle and stood upon their Defence. Hereupon his Majesty sent 4 Detachments into Beira to clear the Province of the Enemy. The 12th 50 Dragoons and 4 Companies of Grenadiers advanc'd within Cannon shot of Castel David, whereupon 1200 Portuguese and English sallied out, and killing 4 of our Men and wounding 10 the rest retir'd. The 13th the heavy Baggage join'd the Army. The 14th came Advice that Monsieur Geoffreville advancing towards Monsanto, met the Enemy near Idanha Nova, in number 9000 Men, marching in 3 Columns; he engag'd one Column, but apprehending he hem'd in by the other two, retir'd with the Loss of 50 Men. Yesterday came further Advice, that the Enemy had put 400 Men into Monsanto, but that the Castle held out still; whereupon the King thought fit to break up from before Castel David and march to this Place. This Afternoon we had Intelligence, that the 4 Detachments, which we said before were sent over the Tagus, join'd near Castelbranco, and were marching directly towards the Enemy; so that we expect suddenly to hear of Action.

Madrid, June 21. We have Advice from the King's Army, that his Majesty designs to dispose his Troops into Quarters the 25th or 26th of this Month, being unable to keep the Field longer for want of Forrage.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated July 8.

Tu in, June 23. This Afternoon at 4 a Clock, we receiv'd Advice that the Enemies are broken up from before Vercelli; and that his Royal Highness is in Motion with 7000 Horse, designing to fall upon their Rear.

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Amsterdam, July 10. The following Letter is from the Duke of Marlborough to the States General.

High and Mighty Lords!

ON our arrival at Onderringen the 1st instant, having Intelligence that the Elector of Bavaria had detach'd the best of his Infantry, to reinforce the Post of Schellenberg, where for several days he had caus'd Men to work upon Intrenchments, as being a Post of great Importance to him; I resolv'd to attack that Post; accordingly yesterday Morning at 3 a Clock I march'd at the Head of a Detachment of 6000 Foot and 30 Squadrons of Horse; with 3 Battallions of Imperial Grenadiers, which were furnish'd by the Prince of Baden; the rest of the Army follow'd. But the March being long, and the Ways very bad, we could not reach the River Wrentz till Noon, and it took up 3 Hours to lay the Bridges for the Troops and Cannon to pass over: At 6 a Clock all the ne-

cessary Dispositions being made, we began the Attack; the Enemy being well intrench'd defended themselves with great Resolution above an Hour, but were at length forc'd to yield to the Bravery of our Troops; and by God's Help we gain'd a compleat Victory.

We have taken 15 pieces of Cannon, and all their Tents and Baggage. The Count d'Arco their Commander in chief, and their other General Officers, were oblig'd to swim the Danube to save themselves. I wish your High Mightinesses good Success of this happy beginning; which by the Blessing of Heaven I hope we shall improve to very great Advantage.

We have lost very many brave Officers, and cannot sufficiently lament the Death of Monsieur Goor and Beynheym, who fell in the Action; the Prince of Baden and General Thungen are slightly wounded; the Count de Sürum is shot through the Body, but 'tis hoped may recover. The Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel, Lieutenant General Count Horn, Major General Wood, and Monsieur Palland are likewise wounded: I cannot at present give your High Mightinesses all the Particulars, but will not fail to send them by the first Opportunity.

A little before the Attack began, the Baron of Moltenburg, Adjutant General to Prince Eugene of Savoy, brought me Advice from his Highness, that the Marshals Villeroy and Tallard are march'd towards Strassburg, in order to send a strong Reinforcement to the Elector of Bavaria through the Black Forest; and I have Intelligence from other Hands that they design him 30 Battallions and 60 Squadrons of their best Troops.

Having been an Eye-witness how eminently Monsieur Mortagne distinguish'd himself during the whole Action; I cannot refrain doing him the Justice to recommend him to your High Mightinesses; that he may by some Means be made amends for the Loss of his General. For which Reason I have chosen him to be the Bearer of this Letter, and to relate to you what has pass'd more at large. I am,

From the Camp

at Ubermagen,

July 3. 1704.

High and Mighty Lords, &c.

Sign'd

The Duke of Marlborough.

P. S. The Detachment was supported by 15 Squadrons on the Left Wing, and as many on the Right.

A Letter to their High Mightinesses from Lieutenant General the Baron van Hompesch.

My Lords!

HAVING been present in the Action yesterday, wherein by God's assistance the Enemy was defeated near Donawert, I cannot forbear sending some Account of it in Writing to your High Mightinesses by my Adjutant, who will give you a more particular Relation by word of Mouth. The Army march'd yesterday Morning from Hemerdingen, which is distant six Hours (or common English Leagues) from Donawert; and tho' the Army had march'd 2 or 3 days before without Intermision, and so had not time to have the Ways clear'd, yet by the Care and Diligence of the Duke of Marlborough, we found the Roads made passable, and a Bridge ready laid on the River Wrentz, over which and through a Ford the Horse and Dragoons march'd; mean time other Bridges of Pontons were made with all Diligence for the Foot to pass over. The Horse consisted of 32 Squadrons, and were led by my Lord Duke in Person, with the Hereditary Prince of Hesse Cassel, Lieut-

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nant General Lumley, my self, General Bonafau, Major General Wood, the Prince of Homburg, and the Count of Erbach and Schulembourg. The Foot, consisted of 5850 detach'd Men, and by Order of the Duke of Marlborough were commanded by Lieutenant General Goor, with Lieutenant General Horn, and the Majors General Withers, Luyck, Polland, and Beinhelm. The Duke of Marlborough mov'd up with the Horse as near to the Enemy's Intrenchments as was necessary, to take a View of them. The Foot being drawn up in fit Order to attack the Enemy, the first Line was led on by Lieutenant General Goor, the second by Lieutenant General Horn to support the first; and the 32 Squadrons follow'd to support both. In this Disposition the English and Dutch began the Attack after the Cannon on both sides had play'd an Hour; the Enemies Intrenchments were flank'd on one Hand by Donawert and on the other by a Wood. The English and Dutch, I say, began the Attack, without losing time by staying for the Imperialists; they press'd on with great Bravery, and the Enemy defended themselves with equal Vigour; the Imperialists made what haste they could, and were led up to the Charge in good Order by the Prince of Baden; After a hard Fight of an hour and a half, at the shutting in of Evening the Intrenchments were forc'd. The Dragoons, who mov'd up close with the Foot, whom they were appointed to sustain, were commanded by the Hereditary Prince of Hesse; He kept in the thickest of the Fire till he receiv'd a Wound in the Breast. The Horse were commanded by Lieutenant General Lumley and my self.

Of the Foot, Lieutenant General Goor, and Major General Beinhelm, were kill'd. Lieutenant General Horn wounded in the Leg, Major General Pallard in the Foot but not dangerously, Brigadier Tobias shot through the Body. Of the Horse, the Hereditary Prince of Hesse was wounded, as I said before; Major General Wood was wounded; Count Erbach had one Horse kill'd and another wounded. My Horse was wounded. The Prince of Saxe, a Brigadier, wounded in the Arm, but not dangerously. Brigadier Boodmar, wounded. Of the Imperialists, the Prince of Baden, was wounded in the Foot, but not dangerously; I saw him and spoke to him after we had won the Enemies Intrenchments, he complain'd his Foot pain'd him but said he did not apprehend the Wound was dangerous; his Horse was likewise wounded. Count Surum, shot through the Body, his Life is in danger. General Thungen receiv'd a Wound in the Hand. Prince Alexander of Wirtemberg, Major General, wounded in the Leg. The Prince of Beveren, Major General kill'd.

When the List is taken of the other Officers, and also of the common Soldiers, that are kill'd or wounded, I will send it. Mean time I guess there may be in all about 6 or 700 kill'd, and 1000 wounded dangerously. The Duke of Marlborough gave his Orders, during the whole Action, with all the quickness, temper, judgment, and presence of Mind, that is possible for Man to have. And 'tis generally confess'd the Prince of Baden perform'd the part of a skilful and brave General. So that both have gain'd great Honour. I am with due and profound Respect,

High and Mighty Lords,
Your High Mightinesses,
Most humble, obedient,
and faithful Servant.

R. V. Baron van Hempefch.

P. S. Sixteen Brass Field Pieces, (the largest of them being Six pounders,) and 13 Colours, are taken from the Enemy.

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Bruges, July 4. The 2d instant at Noon, a Body of Dutch Troops of 9000 Men, commanded by General Spar, came before this Place, on the side of the Cross Gate. About 4 a Clock our Cannon fir'd upon them, but did little Execution. In the Evening they rais'd Batteries, and at one the next Morning began to throw Bombs and Carcasses, and shoot burning

Bullets, into the Town; at half an hour past seven they drew off and march'd to Maldegem. 10 Houses were laid in Ruins by the Bombs, and about 100 shatter'd; The Damage would have been greater, had not many of the Bombs burst in the Air. We had not one Person kill'd, and but a few hurt.

Bergen op Zoom, July 7. This Morning at Nine a Clock, an Express arriv'd from Baron Spar, with Letters for the Pensionary Heinfius, Monsieur d'Auverquerque, and the Count de Noyelles, which Letters were immediately dispatch'd forward. The Messenger reports, that our Bombs having done considerable Damage to the Town of Bruges the 2d instant, the Inhabitants to prevent being Bombarded again, have agreed to pay 600000 Guilders in 6 Months time. This is confirm'd by Letters that several Persons of this Place have receiv'd since Morning.

Maastricht, July 7. The 1st instant the Baron de Trogne was detach'd with a certain Number of Men from the Army commanded by Monsieur d'Auverquerque; the Baron march'd towards Liege, and Monsieur d'Auverquerque with the Army began to march the same way the 4th at Night. The 5th the Baron having receiv'd a Reinforcement to his Detachment from Liege and Huy, turn'd short and advanc'd to the Enemies Lines, which he entred and took Post near Waseige. The same day Monsieur d'Auverquerque march'd to Hasselt, and yesterday advanc'd near St. Tron; whence he detach'd Monsieur Dompere with several Squadrons of Horse, each Horseman having a Grenadier behind him, to reinforce the Baron de Trogne; and himself with the rest of the Army is following with all Diligence. The Enemies Army is likewise in Motion to make Head against ours. 12 or 15 Peasants were seiz'd by our Army near Diepenbeck, for cutting the Bank of the River Demer, and making it overflow the Country as the Army was moving that way, thereby retarding their March. Yesterday we heard the firing of Cannon from the Enemies Lines, and therefore expect to hear there has been Action. Just now Advice is come, that the Baron de Trogne retir'd out of the Enemies Lines last Night, because our Army being hindred by the overflowing of the Demer, could not get to him time enough to assist him to maintain his Post; He is now encamp'd with his Detachment between Borchworm and Huy. Monsieur d'Auverquerque is encamp'd at St. Tron.

Shields, June 30. Above 300 Sail of laden Colliers are sail'd from hence and Sunderland, part for the Coast the rest for London, under convoy of 2 Men of War, viz. the Assistance and Queenborough.

London, July 4.

Yesterday Stocks were as follows, Bank 127 & 1 qr. New Comp. 257 & a half. Shares 30 & a half. Old Comp. 135. Million Bank 87 & a qr. Sword Blades 85 & a qr. African 20 & a qr.

In yesterday's Courant the 1st Column of the 2d Page, Line 21 from the top, read endeavour to retire back.

For the Benefit of Mr. Firbank and Mr. Bickerstaffe, Not Acted there these Four Years.

At the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, tomorrow being Wednesday the Fifth of July, will be reviv'd a Comedy call'd, The Taming of a Shrew; Or, Sawny the Scot. All the Parts being play'd to the best Advantage. To which will be added the Two Doctors Scenes in the last Act of a Comedy call'd, Le Medecin Malgre Luy. With several Entertainments of Serious and Grotesque Dancing by the best Performers. And the desire of several Persons of Quality, the Famous Signiora Francisca Margarita de L'Epine, will perform several Entertainments of Singing in Italian, being the best Songs she has Sung in England. The Musick that accompanies her Compos'd by Signior Giacomo Greber. She also Sings an English Song of the late Mr. Henry Purcell's, being the last time of her Singing till next Winter.

Detected at Corbhill in Warwickshire the 24th of June 1704. out of Captain Robert Kempe's Company in the Honourable Colonel Foxe's Regiment of Marines, William Hendrickson who speaks broken English and pretends to be a Dutch-man, he is well set, and about 5 Foot 10 Inches high, aged about 40, his Nose flat, in brown colour'd Cloaths; and also with him one Archibald Jameson a young Lad about 19 Years old, well set, about 3 Foot 6 Inches high, full faced, short white Hair, in Gray Cloaths and white Stockings, both supposed to go Northwards. If any one will secure the aforesaid Men, and give notice to Mr. William Twyford in Warford Court in Throgmorton-street, London shall receive 3 Guineas for each Man and reasonable Charges.